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Conservation Congress Meeting Resolution 2006

WHEREAS, the increase in whitetail deer populations continue to be a yearly problem in the State of Wisconsin and current season frameworks are not doing the job of keeping the deer herd within population goals in a large number of deer management units.

AND WHEREAS, the harvesting of deer during the gun deer season is the most effective and efficient way to achieve harvest goals.

AND WHEREAS, proposals of lengthening the gun deer season have not been successful because such proposals have not made any sense to the hunting public because they; 1) included hunting into December when adverse weather becomes a deterrent to the general hunting populace, 2) take away from the muzzle-loading hunters the few days they can hunt, 3) take place when natural deer movement is not occurring because the rut is well over, 4) have a perceived conflict with the snowmobiling fraternity, 5) did not include an earlier opening date on a weekend.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Forest County on April 10, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to establish the Gun Deer Season to start on the Saturday nearest November 15th and to run for 16 consecutive days.



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COUNTY VOTE: YES _____ NO _____